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A STATEMENT ON THE CIA

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We, the undersigned, would like to make public our opposition to the secret subsidization by the CIA of literary and intellectual publications and organizations, and our conviction that regular subsidization by the CIA can only discredit intellectually and morally such publications and organizations.

Thus, in view of the facts so far disclosed, we must say we lack confidence in the magazines alleged to have been subsidized by the CIA, and we do not think they have responded appropriately to the questions that have been raised. We would have expected more serious and more searching statements than we have so far seen by responsible editors, and some indication of genuine reorganization of these publications. Instead they seem to be content to go on as though nothing had happened, either remaining silent, or acting as though the importance of the entire matter had been exaggerated, apparently on the assumption that the storm will blow over.

We are aware that many people were innocent recipients of various literary and travel grants to meetings and congresses, but we believe a distinction must be made between such occasional grants and continuous and secret subsidizations by the CIA of any intellectual publications claiming to be independent and open to all views however radical or critical of American policies and institutions. And in the case of the publications, we find the attempt to play down the whole issue a not

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